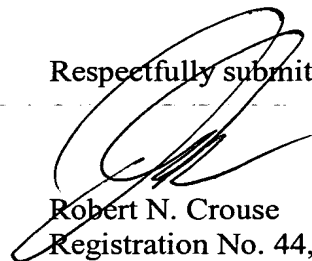


**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Official Action mailed November 29, 2005 (hereinafter "the Official Action"). Applicants also appreciate the indicated allowability of Claim 9 and the allowance of Claims 10-16. In response, Applicants have canceled rejected Claims 1-8 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby placing the present Application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested in due course. If any further informal matters arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

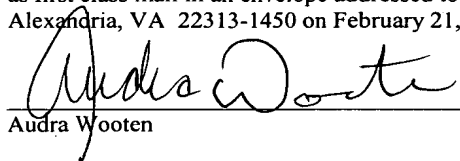


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